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10/690,741 "Multi-point seat belt"
My ref. G6A3

Dear Mrs. Doggett,

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The Office Action Summary of 09/554,463, issued by Mrs. Deanna L. Draper mailed 01/20/2004, in regard with all four divisional appls of the parent appl. 09/554,463, discloses errors, such as "lower and upper *body-part* of a body" etc., and references. However, some of the references, such as US 6,145,881, 6,375,270 and 6,076,894, were filed to USPTO on 01/05/99, 01/03/2000 and 02/26/99 after the national and international prior date of all four divisional appls on 11/11/97 and 11/10/98. Hence, they are not outlined in the amended application. The remaining references and the ones "US 3,977,696, US 5,123,673, US 5,411,319....", briefly described in pp. 3 line 4 to 5, are outlined therein. All the errors are amended in the amended specification, claims and abstract.

In reference to my previous Appl. with footnote G6A3-US-270903 in single space the following amendments are completed:

1. Specification, Claims and Abstract: "Lower and upper *body-part* of a body" into "lower and upper part of the body"
2. Pp 1/line 42: "Shoulder-belt deflector" into "Shoulder-belt-portion guiding deflector"
3. The disclosure of DE-OS 23 45 847, DE-OS 28 13 888, DE 196 29 878 A1, US 3,977,696, US 5,123,673, US 5,411,319 etc. is rewritten.
4. Pp. 2/lines 29-30 "retracted to different lengths by two independently operating belt retractors within milliseconds" into "retracted and blocked to different lengths by two independently operating belt retractors within milliseconds in an accident".
5. Pp.8 /line 17: "transition portion and the lower shoulder belt portion 1.11 define the first shoulder belt portion" into "*upper shoulder belt and the lower shoulder belt portion 1.11 define the shoulder belt portion*"
6. Pp. 8/ line 13: "the belt-feeding plate 20.9" into "*the belt-feeding plate 20.9 and the guide tube 20.1 with the operating arm 20.2*"

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7. Pp 9/ lines 1-2: "the device, when moved, doesn't interfere with the head rest 3.6a, height-adjustable about „ Δh_K ", and with the head of the passenger with/without hat 92" into "*the device, when rotated, does not interfere with the head rest 3.6 (Fig. 12b) owing to clearance (height-difference) and with the head of the passenger with/without hat 92.*"
8. Claim 5: "the lower first shoulder belt portion and the transition portion" into "*the lower first shoulder belt portion and the upper first shoulder belt*"
9. Claim 10: "of one piece" into "from one piece"
10. The last two sentences of the Claim 29 are rewritten
11. Claims 1 and 30 are amended such as:
 "the lap- and second shoulder belt portion" into "*the lap- and second shoulder belt portions*"
 "the main latch plate (9), moveable along the lap- and second shoulder belt portion" into "*the main latch plate (9), moveable along the lap- or second shoulder belt portion*"
 "the upper part of the body is restrained by the first and second shoulder belt portion" into "*the upper part of the body is restrained by the first and second shoulder belt portions*"
 etc.


Mr Lejeune, Examiner of the German Patent Office, has subdivided *the single appl.* DE 197 49 780 A1 (A for Application) into three, such as

1. DE 197 49 780 C2 (C for German Patent), EP 1 037 773 B1 (B for European Patent), US 09/554,463, which are subdivided into four appls., etc;
2. DE 197 58 497 A1, DE 197 58 497 C2;
3. DE 197 58 498 A1, DE 197 58 498 C2, EP 1 037 771 B1, US 09/554,464 etc.

Mrs. Deanne L. Draper from Art Unit 3616 (703 872 9326; US 09/554,463) has already received the DE 197 49 780 A1 and the translation thereof, both of which were attached to the submittal of DE 197 58 497 A1, DE 197 58 498 A1, EP 1 037 773 B1, form papers etc. on 04/10/2000 to USPTO. By the patent rules as well as US-ones I am allowed to insert new materials, found therein, into this amended appl. Because I am a very modest inventor and humble agent, I assure both you and the USPTO that only relevant materials and information for better understanding are added.

I apologize for the inconvenience and thank you for your attention in advance.

Kind regards


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Attached

U170199, amended appls in single and 1.5 space